

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: APPARENT DISINFORMATION EFFORT IN EGYPT AGAINST U.S.  
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1. MORNING ARABIC DAILIES FEBRUARY 23 GAVE PROMINENT  
COVERAGE TO USIS PRESS RELEASE OF FEBRUARY 22 SAYING  
SUNDAY'S ROSE AL-YOUSSEF STORY BASED ON FOREGERY.

GUMHURIA VERSION ON PAGE ONE (INSIDE DARK RESERVED FOR SPECIAL NEWS) IS SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS OF PRESS RELEASE, WITH HEADLINE: "OFFICIAL STATEMENT FROM AMERICAN EMBASSY: ROSE AL-YOUSEIF'S DOCUMENT WAS FORGED. AMERICA HAS GIVEN EGYPT \$2 BILLION IN TWO YEARS." AL-AKHBAR HEADLINE, ALSO FRONTPAGE: "ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE AMERICAN EMBASSY: DOCUMENT SENT TO ROSE AL-YOUSSIF WAS FORGED; AMERICAN TREASURY UNDERSECRETARY DID NOT VISIT EGYPT AND DID NOT SPEAK AT ALL IN DETROIT." AKHBAR PRINTED ENTIRE PRESS RELEASE AFTER INTRODUCTORY SUMMARY PARAGRAPH. THIRD DAILY, AL-AHRAM, IN EARLY EDITIONS CARRIED SUMMARY OF PRESS RELEASE ON PAGE FOUR WITH INTERNATIONAL NEWS, BUT IN LAST EDITION MOVED IT TO FRONTPAGE STORY UNDER HEADLINE: "AMERICAN EMBASSY DENIES WHAT WAS PUBLISHED IN EGYPTIAN MAGAINZE."

2. PRESS RELEASE SENT FEBRAURY 22 TO 330 RECIPEINTS: NEWS AGENCIES, EGYPTIAN AND FOREIGN PRESS, MOST EMBASSIES AND SELECTED GOE OFFICIALS. TODAY SENT TO ALL CABNINET MEMBERS. MIDDLE EAST NEWS AGENCY AT 4:30 PM CAIRO TIME FEBRUARY 22 HAD CARRIED FULL TEXT OF USIS ARABIC TRANSLATION OF PRESS RELEASE UNDER HEADLINE "AMERICAN SPOKESMAN DENIES."

3. NON-ARABIC PRESS, READ ALMOST ESCLUSIVELY BY FOREIGNERS, GAVE RELEASE LIGHTER TREATMENT: EGYPTIAN GAZETTE SUMMARIZED IT IN TWO SENTENCES, AND LE PROGRESS EGYPTIAN GAVE IT 4 COLUMN INCHES, BOTH ON PAGE 3. JOURNAL D'EGYPTE IGNORED IT.

4. NO COMMENTARIES YET.

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